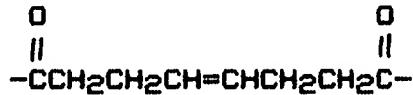


specific than the more generic claim 1.

With regard to the rejection over the art, it is pointed out that Taylor cited by the Examiner has no double bond as shown between the portion



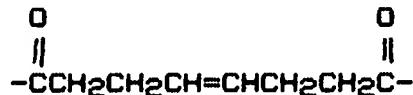
which provides a central portion rigidity as shown because of the



claimed double bond between the "-C-" and "-C-" groups. Thus the compound of applicants claim 1 as set forth has three structural differences between Taylor i.e., a double bond as claimed and two methoxy groups.

In addition, claims 3, 4, 5, 10 and 13 to 23 have stereo specificity as well, along with these three differences.

As for the Stenlake citation, the Examiner correctly notes some of the differences. However, it is also pointed out that Stenlake doesn't appear to have the group as shown below



in combination with the remaining portions. DB
as claimed. Again, claims 3, 4, 5 and 10 and 15 to 23 have stereo specificity as noted along with the above mentioned structural differences.

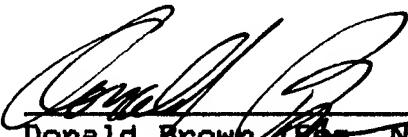
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Accordingly, it is respectfully believed that the claims in this application are unobvious over the combination of Taylor and Stenlake.

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